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HYMENOPAPPUS FILIFOLIUS var. ALPESTRIS (MAGUIRE) SHINNERS, comb. nov.—*H. nudipes* var. *alpestris* Maguire, Amer. Midl. Nat. 37: 144. 1947. *H. filifolius* var. *nudipes* (Maguire) Turner, RHODORA 58: 219. 1956. (Illegitimate combination, based on *Hymenopappus nudipes*.) Dr. Maguire published *H. nudipes* and its var. *alpestris* simultaneously. If these are considered to be a single taxon and treated as a variety, it must bear the earliest available epithet in that rank, which is *alpestris*. Dr. Turner insists (personal communications) that since the Code regulation regarding automatic epithets for varieties including the type of the species is retroactive, an automatic var. *nudipes* was also published simultaneously with var. *alpestris*. His new combination is then to be regarded as based on the automatic but hitherto unlisted var. *nudipes*. This is hardly in keeping with the spirit of the regulation which states that automatic epithets have no author. It is definitely contrary to the intention of Dr. Gleason's original proposal (for different wordings see Brittonia 7: 17, 1949), whose explicit statement that automatic epithets could not be transferred was unaccountably omitted from both the Stockholm and Paris versions of the Code. Even if Dr. Turner's contention is accepted, his combination remains illegitimate because he designated *Hymenopappus nudipes* and not var. *nudipes* as basonym. — LLOYD H. SHINNERS, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DALLAS, TEXAS.